CHRISTMAS CHIMES!

How they add to the Christmas spirit! "Silent Night, Holy Night"—"Adeste Fideles" —pealing out on crisp air that is richly laden with the memories of other Christmas seasons —of that One memorable Christmas-tide centuries ago. Each Christmas sees an ever increasing number of churches enjoying the benefits that come through the installation of Golden Voiced Tower Chimes.

A CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NEED

Not only at Christmas time but at every other season of the year these Modern Tower Chimes confer incalculable benefits through reaching the strays and non-attendants—those whom the Church most of all wants to reach but who shun every ordinary invitation. When Chimes are installed there is invariably a noticeable spiritual awakening in the community—new faces are seen in the congregation; regular communicants display added zeal.

THE JERICHO ROAD.

Luke 10:30 A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho.

INTRO. Life a journey, long or short, from the room in which we are born to the room in which we die.

Somewhere on the journey we strike the Jericho Roa Road.
Describe it

I. Poverty often seems to make the going difficult.
Not all babies born with silver spoos
The lad who lived in a three-sided shack, glad to sleep on leaves in the loft. It did not prevent him from making up his mind to have malice toward none and chairty for all.

Another little fellow was born in a stable and crad led in a manger, but that did not prevent him f from becoming the Savior of the world.

II. The Jericho Road is the "ayd of Suffering and Hard Knocks.

"Why does God let me be a cripple?" said a little girl who was a cripple because her mother had dropt her when she was a baby. One wisely replied," So that other mothers, seeing you, will hold their babies more carefully."

None of us like Pain, but pain is one of the greatest blessings God ever gave to man. I am sure that God has a good reason for all our sufferings.

III. We may also expect to meet with Robbers on the Jericho Road.

Robbers to steal from us on every turn of the road all that they ban get- our richest possessions, our rights, our liberties, even our good names.
The Board-walk fakers, with their enticing games Drubs, booze, delusive forms of amusements, mani for gambling all take their heavy toll.
Faust selling his soul to the devil. The devil is ever bargaining for our souls.

IV. On the Jericho Road we find altogether too much indifference and unconcern.

Priests and Levites are always passing on the other side. Church officials, often give the cold shoulder. Our closest friends, often, prove to be no friend in our need. Ecclesiasticism is not always Xty.

Even loved ones and closest friends occasionally fail us in our time of need. The very ones from whom we should expect help pass us by.

V. But who of us does not find on his Jericho Road good Samaritans?

Over and over again unexpected kindnesses are shown us on the part of those from whom we least of all expect anything. Foreigners to our expectations, even despised Smaritans they may have been in our estimations, but in the hour of our trying need they bound up our wounds, took us to the inn of loving care and help and came back to help us further if necessary.

VI. Many have traveled the Jericho Road and have come out more than conquerors. It depends somewhat on which direction you are traveling- up to Jerusalem, or down to Jericho. Success and happiness may be limes away, but if we are headed towards them, we a e bound to reach them.

Joseph, because of his Jericho Road became second to Pharoh.

Moses traveled the Jericho Road for 80 yrs, but at the last God rewarded him richly.

Jesus' road to Jericho took him to Calvary, it is true, but immediately beyond there awaited him Resurrection victory, and for his followers a glorious triumph ofer sin and death.

VII. The experiences of the Jericho Road, more than any other experiences, give us our best chance to get ac- with Jesus and with one another.

Nothing brings us so close to God and to one anothe as danger, suffering and trial.